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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT
VIA VERDE AND FAIRPLEX PARK AND RIDES
WATER QUALITY AND AESTHETIC ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into an agreement with AKM Consulting Engineers to prepare a Project Concept Report for the Via Verde and Fairplex Park and Rides Water Quality and Aesthetic Enhancement Project, for a not to exceed fee of \$63,000, to be funded through Flood Control District funds and establish the effective date following Board approval.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Via Verde and Fairplex Park and Rides Water Quality and Aesthetic Enhancement Project is to prepare a Project Concept Report to incorporate multiuse watershed management improvements within the project area. Runoff from the vehicles that park at this facility contribute oil, grease, and other vehicular fluids to our waterways. The project will include selecting structural Best Management Practice devices and design alternatives that will also improve the aesthetic quality of the parking areas.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Awarding this agreement will meet the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility and will allow Public Works to manage resources in a more efficient and responsible manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. Financing for the agreement is available from the Fiscal Year 2001-02 Flood Control District funds.

The recommended agreement for the project is for an aggregate not to exceed fee of \$63,000, including \$6,000 for unforeseen additional work, which may arise during progress of the work. Additional work within this allowance will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Director of Public Works.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard Consultant Services Agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The agreement includes a clause for termination of services upon prior written notice and a renegotiation clause as directed by your Board.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration of contract award, AKM Consulting Engineers is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence participants for future employment.

AKM Consulting Engineers has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

A finding of environmental impact is not required for the award of this consultant services agreement. Any project that may be proposed as a result of these services will undergo the appropriate environmental review.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On April 25, 2001, Public Works sent out Requests for Proposals (RFP) to develop a select list of engineering consultants to provide as needed services. The RFPs were sent to 29 selected firms, advertised on the County's web page, listed on the Office of Small Business website, and placed in several publications. The firms selected as the best qualified were CH2MHill, David Evans and Associates, Burns and McDonnell, Lee and Ro, and AKM Consulting Engineers.

Projects will be assigned to firms according to the select list order. Public Works is making a concerted effort to provide each firm with equitable work opportunities.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. AKM Consulting Engineers is aware of the Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or project during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

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CONCLUSION

Please return two approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
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